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Applicants:	W.K. Hagmann et al..	
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated February 16, 2004, for which a Notice of Appeal is due Tuesday, May 16, 2005. It is noted that this amendment is being filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the final rejection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in the belief that they place the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal.

Any additional fees associated with this amendment may be charged to Deposit Acct. No. 13-2755.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 27 of this paper.

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